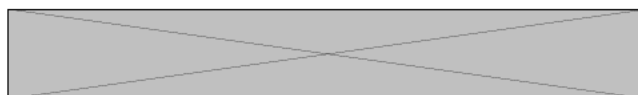
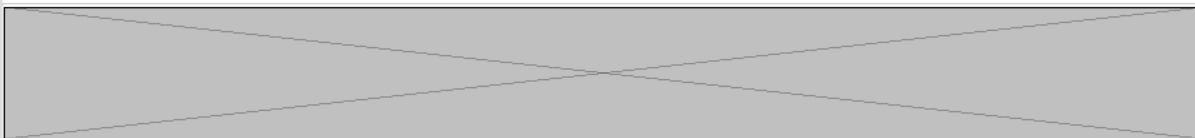


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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

WEATHER: Mostly sunny across the state. New York City, high 62; Albany, high 63; Buffalo, high 59.

FROM CITY & STATE

- * In the 2018 midterms, President Donald Trump sought to help his party's House candidates. In [this week's cover story](#), Utica College's Luke Perry explains why the president's efforts hurt more than they helped in three key Central New York districts.
- * New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams is endorsing a neighborhood nonprofit leader in the race [to fill his old New York City Council seat](#), shunning another candidate in the race who recently served as his deputy chief of staff.
- * The New York state Senate is reviewing a bill that would prohibit the practice of one-person train operations on the subway, but the bill's supposed justification, which is safety, is based on falsehoods, [writes transit expert Alon Levy](#).
- * Some high-profile measures didn't make it into the state budget, including legalizing recreational marijuana, expanding prevailing wages and allowing driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. [Our reader poll](#) asks whether these – and other bills – will still pass this year.

NEW THIS MORNING:

- * The cost of starting up a ferry service that links all five boroughs has almost doubled from New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's original commitment, which has drawn criticism from transit advocates, elected officials and government

watchdogs, [The New York Times](#) writes.

* A tunnel built in the 1970s by urban planners who tried and failed to construct a Second Avenue subway line will now be repurposed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the exact same project some 40 years later and may save the MTA \$500 million, [the Daily News](#) reports.

* Uber and Lyft are notching record levels of robust ridership across the five boroughs – for-hire vehicles made a record-high average of 720,000 daily trips in February, when a new surcharge and driver minimum wage rules went into effect, [the Daily News](#) reports.

* Golf-industry advocates have sounded the alarm about a bill that could result in raising property taxes for golf-course owners in New York by giving local governments the option to assess and tax golf courses based on “highest and best use,” [The Wall Street Journal](#) reports.

* In the lull between the state’s March budget talks and the flurry of deal-making at the end of session in June, eight former legislative staffers are pressing the Legislature to hold more public hearings on workplace sexual misconduct, [the Times Union](#) reports.

* More news below ...

CUNY establishes a new school dedicated to Public Service and Social Justice

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies is the only college program in the nation that is dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of work and workers in the urban environment and also of the institutions that serve diverse urban communities. Learn more about our academic programs in [Labor Studies](#) and [Urban Studies](#) at an [open house](#) at 25 W 43rd St., 18th Floor, NYC or call us at 212-827-0200

* Merryl Tisch, the State University of New York vice chancellor who also licenses charter schools, said the state Legislature should lift the cap blocking more of the privately run, publicly financed institutions from opening in New York City, [the New York Post](#) reports.

* The US Department of Education has awarded charter school operator Success Academy nearly \$10 million to establish six new schools in New York City and expand four existing middle schools as well as pre-K programs at six elementary schools, [the Post](#) reports.

* The \$19 toll on the Verrazzano Bridge, the highest in the nation, has prompted state Sen. Andrew Gounardes to call for a discount for Brooklynites who

regularly travel to Staten Island like the one offered to Staten Islanders who use the bridge, [the Daily News reports](#).

* De Blasio raised the rent on his two Park Slope homes by \$4,450 last year, even as his expenses went down by more than \$7,000, according to a copy of his tax returns, [Politico New York reports](#).

* Nearly one year after New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced the formation of the Automated Decision Systems Task Force, little progress has been made, casting doubt that it will fulfill its mandate: issuing a report of policy recommendations by fall 2019, [Curbed New York reports](#).

The New York International Auto Show at the Javits Center, is one of the most important automotive events in the world and North America's largest. The 10-day show, generating \$300 million and attracting over 6,500 journalists, is owned and produced by the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, which represents over 400 franchise new car dealers, vital to the state and local economies, generating \$2.4 billion in taxes, and supporting 68,600 jobs. [Learn more here](#).

EDITORIAL PAGES:

* De Blasio made a tough but necessary call Monday in shutting down the Williamsburg-based United Talmudical Academy preschool after officials there failed to turn over student vaccination records, [the Post writes](#).

* It would be hard to build a more damning case against the cash-for-visas program EB-5 than Hudson Yards, which was financed in part through the preferential immigration program, [CityLab staff writer Kriston Capps writes in The New York Times](#).

* Most children at urban public schools aren't learning what they should, so it's encouraging to see Gov. Andrew Cuomo ask fellow Democrats who run Albany to lift the cap on the number of charter schools allowed in New York, [the Journal writes](#).

* This week marks a promising start to two ambitious attempts to better mix student populations in New York City public middle schools that over many years have been far too Balkanized by race, class and academic achievement, [the Daily News writes](#).

No animal should be tortured for fur products. That is why Speaker Corey Johnson and several NYC Council Members are proposing to ban the sale of fur

in NYC. Not only are coyotes, bobcats, foxes, rabbits and others captured and killed for clothing, but dog and cat fur are also deceptively sold by fashion companies. PETA and NYCLASS support the fur ban because both animals and consumers deserve protection. [Help PASS the ban on fur sales today.](#)
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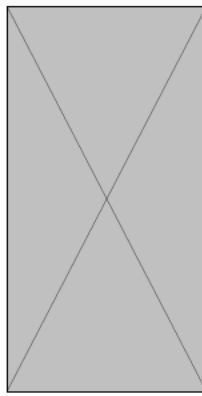
NATIONAL POLITICS:

* President Donald Trump vetoed a bipartisan resolution that would have forced an end to American military involvement in Saudi Arabia's civil war in Yemen, rejecting an appeal by lawmakers to his own instincts to withdraw the U.S. from bloody foreign conflicts, [the Times reports](#).

* Trump's attorneys and the White House are moving to resist a growing number of congressional requests for information, increasing the likelihood of a protracted legal fight that could test the power of congressional subpoenas, [The Washington Post reports](#).

He lives 75 miles from New York City, so why is state Sen. James Skoufis sponsoring a pro-Airbnb bill that would hurt tenants and affordable housing in New York City. Could it be the \$500,000 Airbnb spent last year to get him elected? If you call him on it, like the hardworking members of the New York Hotel Trades Council did, he'll only call you a thug. Read more [here](#).

The NYCHA heating crisis has gone on for too long. Investing in natural gas infrastructure, including the Northeast Supply Enhancement project (NESE) is part of the solution to our region's energy crisis. Without NESE, the NYCHA heating crisis will just worsen. Learn what the heating crisis means to Justice, a NYCHA resident [here](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To former Assemblyman **James F. Brennan** ... to **Paul Fernandes**, executive director of the Carpenter Contractor Alliance of Metropolitan New York ... to **Chol Majok**, community outreach director for state Sen. David Valesky ... to **Elijah Nwaokocha**, field director for New York City Councilman Andy King ... to **Cara Berkowitz**, vice president of government affairs and policy at EmblemHealth ... to **Elina Lysenko**, senior vice president of benefits and finance administration at Capalino+Company ... and to **Matt D'Amico**, political coordinator for the Civil Service Employees Association Local 1000.

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New York Healthcare needs to be reinvigorated. City & State's Healthy NY Summit will bring together health care decision makers and policy experts to foster discussions on healthcare issues that face all New Yorkers. Join us on April 24th, contribute to the conversation about the future of NY's health policy agenda, and leave with a better understanding of the issues we face with health care. [Register today!](#)

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The office of City Council Member Mark Levine is seeking an experienced and

talented professional to lead the communication and press efforts of the office. The ideal candidate must be an excellent writer, self-starter and team-player, and an exceptional project manager with knowledge and understanding of New York City government, policy, and press landscape. For responsibilities, qualifications, and to apply, click [here](#).

Chief of Staff, MIT CoLab

[MIT CoLab](#), a center at MIT within a world class urban planning department, is hiring an agile and detail-oriented Chief of Staff for our NY Office to drive short-term planning for the team, unlock operational roadblocks, and support the Just Urban Economies Director with strategic inquiries to the organization.

Compensation: \$60K -\$70K. Read the job description, desired qualifications, and [apply here!](#)

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TODAY'S SKED:

Gov. **Andrew Cuomo** is in New York City with no public schedule.

Mayor **Bill de Blasio** is in New York City with no public schedule.

8:45 a.m. – State Sen. Rachel May joins AARP for the Operation Stop Scams free and open-to-the-public document shredding event to help Central New Yorkers fight identity theft and fraud, Onondaga Lake Park, 106 Lake Drive,

Liverpool.

9 a.m. – The MTA Board meets, MTA Board Room, 2 Broadway, 20th floor, Manhattan.

9:45 a.m. – New York City Councilwoman Margaret Chin joins AARP for the Operation Stop Scams free and open-to-the-public document shredding event to help New Yorkers fight identity theft and fraud, Rutgers Houses and LaGuardia Houses, 38-48 Rutgers St., Manhattan.

10 a.m. – State Sens. John Liu and Toby Ann Stavisky, CUNY faculty and staff hold a public hearing on the future of CUNY, Queens College campus, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Queens.

10:30 a.m. – New York City Councilman Rafael Espinal Jr. and senior leaders from the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings make an announcement about bringing OATH's neighborhood pop-up court to East New York, Brooklyn, District Office of Espinal Jr., 1945 Broadway, Brooklyn.

10 a.m. – “The Brian Lehrer Show” features Ben Max, executive editor of Gotham Gazette and co-host of the Max & Murphy podcast, WNYC.

11 a.m. – The New York City Council Committee on Land Use meets, Committee Room, City Hall, Manhattan.

11 a.m. – Attorney General Letitia James makes an announcement regarding a new program to address environmental concerns in New York, New York City Terminal Market Entrance, 772 Edgewater Road, Bronx.

11 a.m. – New York City Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez holds a press conference announcing the New STEM Institute afterschool program for Northern Manhattan high school students, City College, Marshak Science Building, 160 Convent Ave., Manhattan.

11 a.m. – New York City Council members Mark Levine and Fernando Cabrera attend the kickoff for the Flavors Hook Kids campaign to keep kids from getting hooked on tobacco products, City Hall steps, Manhattan.

11 a.m. – Town of Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen calls for an immediate municipal hiring freeze due to the rampant and continuous abuse of the public payroll with unwarranted pay raises, promotions and hires, Town Hall, 1 Washington St., Hempstead.

11:15 a.m. – Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and members of the Green Light NY coalition rally to support the Driver's License Access and Privacy Act, a bill that would expand access to drivers' licenses for all state residents, regardless of their immigration status, Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St., Brooklyn.

11:30 a.m. – Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul highlights 2019 accomplishments and 2020 state budget impact on New Yorkers, John H. Hazlett Building, Legislative Chambers, 203 Lake St., Elmira.

12 p.m. – New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams attends a press conference to endorse a candidate to fill his previous seat in the New York City Council's 45th District, 2900 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn.

12 p.m. – State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli speaks at Molloy College, Advanced of Commerce, Industry and Technology annual Monsignor Hartman Memorial luncheon, Crest Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury.

12 p.m. – Liu speaks at the Queens Chamber of Commerce luncheon for small business owners, Ben's Deli, 211-37 26th Ave., Queens.

1 p.m. – The New York City Council Committee on Transportation meets jointly with the Committee on Governmental Operations and the Committee on Economic Development, 250 Broadway, 16th floor, Committee Room, Manhattan.

1:30 p.m. – Hochul highlights 2019 accomplishments and 2020 state budget impact on New Yorkers, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front St., Binghamton.

3 p.m. – New York City schools Chancellor Richard Carranza attends the Computer Science for All Hack League final and delivers brief remarks, Council Chambers, City Hall, Manhattan.

3 p.m. – The Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management holds a hearing, 14th floor, Committee Room, 250 Broadway, Manhattan.

4 p.m. – "The Michelangelo Signorile Show" features New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson, SiriusXM.

5 p.m. – Williams delivers keynotes at the Laborers Local 79 Apprenticeship graduation, 630 Second Ave., Manhattan.

6 p.m. – Carranza attends a meeting of the Panel for Educational Policy, Murry Bergtraum High School, 411 Pearl St., Manhattan.

6 p.m. – Assemblyman David Weprin attends the Hate Crime Forum co-hosted by Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Queens.

6:30 p.m. – Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is an honoree at the Homeless Services United Gala, The Prince George Ballroom, 15 E. 27th St., Manhattan.

6:30 p.m. – **City & State** hosts its Higher Education Power 50 reception celebrating New York's dedicated educators, Battery Gardens, 1 Battery Park Place, Manhattan.

7 p.m. – Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone delivers his State of the County address, Suffolk County Community College, Grant Campus, Van Nostrand Theatre, 1001 Crooked Hill Road, Brentwood.

7 p.m. – Rep. Hakeem Jeffries appears at Cornell University's Institute of Politics and Global Affairs, hosted by Richard Ravitch, with Reps. Jerry Nadler and Val Demings, on how judiciary Committee Democrats will move forward after Mueller Report, The Lewis Davis Pavilion, 25 Waterside Plaza, Manhattan.

7 p.m. – New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer hosts a Jackson Heights-Elmhurst town hall, Elmhurst Hospital Center, auditorium, 79-01 Broadway, Queens.

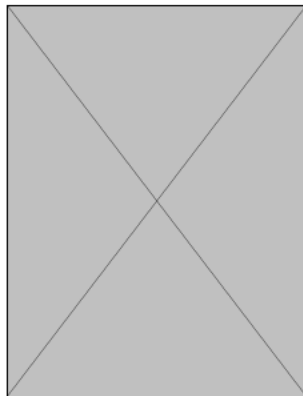
8 p.m. – Diaz Jr. is an honoree at the Latino Social Work Scholarship Fund Annual Gala, Copacabana, 268 W. 47th St., Manhattan.

8 p.m. – Spectrum News NY1 hosts a special 30-minute roundtable analysis show on congestion pricing in New York City, Spectrum News NY1.

8:30 p.m. – Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez joins veterans and registered nurses for a town hall discussion on protecting the VA health care system from the threat of privatization, P.S. 83, 950 Rhinelander Ave., Bronx.

KICKER: “We are a little confounded about why suddenly New York would turn around and take a two-by-four to New Jersey.” – Rep. Josh Gottheimer, on recently passed congestion pricing in New York City that will affect drivers and commuters from New Jersey, [via the Times](#)

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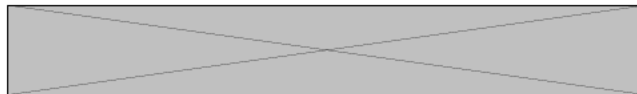
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WEATHER: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm in New York City and Albany, with a chance of showers in Buffalo. New York City, low 58; Albany, low 55; Buffalo, low 43.

FROM CITY & STATE:

* State Sen. Kevin Parker's temper has once again made it into the headlines after he got into a shouting match with freshman state Sen. Alessandra Biaggi at a recent meeting of the Democratic Senate conference. But the controversy is [just the latest for Parker](#).

NEW THIS AFTERNOON:

* U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Administrator Lynne Patton was again accused of breaking the Hatch Act by displaying Trump 2020 campaign merchandise in her government office, [the Daily News reports](#).

* Gov. Andrew Cuomo is taking on the K2 crisis with a statewide prevention and treatment plan aimed at getting synthetic marijuana off the streets, which will include an educational component to teach the public about the drug's dangers, [the Daily News reports](#).

* New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio dubbed Brazil's far-right president Jair Bolsonaro a "very dangerous human being" and called on the American Museum of Natural History to block an event honoring him next month in its rented space, [the New York Post reports](#).

* New York City Councilman Rubén Díaz Sr., who recently drew fire for his inflammatory remarks about gay people, says he will run for Congress to replace the retiring Rep. José E. Serrano to give conservatives and moderates a voice in Washington, [Patch reports](#).

* Con Edison says that it may have to limit new natural gas service in New York City if a controversial pipeline is not built, potentially expanding a moratorium in

Westchester that is drawing harsh criticism, [Politico New York reports](#).

* More news below ...

City & State is proud to be honoring New York's most devoted leaders in our Higher Education Power 50 list. These dedicated educators will be profiled in a special edition of City & State magazine and celebrated at our first annual celebratory reception, creating a perfect place to network. Join us April 17th at Battery Gardens Restaurant from 6:30-8:30PM! [Get your tickets today!](#)

* Assemblyman Harvey Epstein sent an email to constituents decrying the state's budget-making process as "undemocratic" and called for it to be changed through a constitutional amendment, making him the latest state lawmaker to do so, [State of Politics reports](#).

* The lobbying industry spent a record \$261 million across New York last year, according to a report released Thursday by the state Joint Commission on Public Ethics, an 8% increase from 2017, [Gannett Albany reports](#).

* Tenants, religious leaders and members of the Upstate Downstate Housing Alliance joined local New York City officials Thursday night for a rousing rally in support of universal rent control, a hot-button issue now being debated in Albany, [Patch reports](#).

* Signaling that its dispute with New York state is not over, the Seneca Nation said this week's arbitration decision ordering the tribe to pay \$266 million to the state violates federal law, [The Buffalo News reports](#).

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NATIONAL POLITICS:

* Republican leaders are sharpening and poll-testing lines of attack that portray Democratic policies on health care, the environment and abortion as far outside the norm, in hopes of arming President Donald Trump with hyperbolic, sometimes false, sound bites, [The New York Times reports](#).

* Trump intends to delay a decision on whether to nominate acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan to the job permanently until an ethics probe concludes, raising the possibility of an extended period of uncertainty at the highest levels of the U.S. military, [The Washington Post reports](#).

IN DEPTH:

* Hudson Yards received at least \$1.2 billion of its financing through a controversial investor visa program known as EB-5 meant to help distressed urban areas thanks to some liberal map drawing that included parts of Harlem with Hudson Yards, [CityLab reports](#).

* Following the 2020 census, New York will kick off the decennial redrawing of its state legislative and congressional districts, but the next redistricting process is untested so far, having been approved after the 2010 census when New York saw a severe undercount, [Gotham Gazette writes](#).

* Of course, all subway fare hikes are unpopular, including the one set to go into effect on April 21 with riders grumbling about having to pay for an unreliable system, but none were as fiercely contested as the first one, when the price doubled, [the Times writes](#).

* The false messages that officials say convinced hundreds of New Yorkers not to vaccinate their children weren't spread in a Facebook group or on YouTube, but through a glossy magazine written by and for Orthodox Jewish parents, [NBC News writes](#).

TONIGHT'S SHOWS:

7 p.m. and 11 p.m. – “Inside City Hall” airs, NY1.

7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. – “Capital Tonight” features Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Pete Lopez, Spectrum News.

TOMORROW'S SKED:

10 a.m. – New York City Councilman Eric Ulrich, joins the NYC Veterans Alliance, the Department of Veterans' Services, the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and a number of advocacy groups for a rally to fight the ban on transgender military service, City Hall Park, Manhattan.

1 p.m. – Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Adriano Espaillat, with Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, attend the Encuentro Northeast, honoring former Reps. Charles Rangel and Jose Serrano, General Society Library, 20 W. 44th St., Manhattan.

1:30 p.m. – Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. delivers the keynote address at the Encuentro Northeast Luncheon, General Society Library, 20 W. 44th St., Manhattan.

SUNDAY'S SKED:

9:30 a.m. – Assemblyman David Weprin speaks at Anandadhwani USA's Bengali New Year Celebration, I.S. 238, 88-15 182nd St., Queens.

9:30 a.m. – Assemblyman Charles Lavine participates in National Volunteer Clean Up Day at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Road, Oyster Bay.

11:30 a.m. – Weprin marches in the New York Persian Parade, Madison Avenue and 38th Street, Manhattan.

2 p.m. – Weprin delivers remarks at Queensborough Community College's Holocaust Freedom Seder, Student Union Building, 222-05 56th Ave., Queens.

MONDAY'S SKED:

9 a.m. – Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato and state Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. announce the expansion of the resident rebate program at the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge to all Queens residents in 2020, corner of Van Brunt Road and Cross Bay Boulevard, Queens.

10 a.m. – The New York City Council Committee on Environmental Protection meets, Council chamber, City Hall, Manhattan.

10 a.m. – "The Brian Lehrer Show" features Valerie Jarrett, former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, WNYC.

10 a.m. – The New York City Council Committee on Public Housing meets, Committee Room, City Hall, Manhattan.

1 p.m. – The New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations meets, 250 Broadway, 14th floor Committee Room, Manhattan.

1 p.m. – The New York City Council Committee on Fire and Emergency Management meets, 250 Broadway, 16th floor Committee Room, Manhattan.

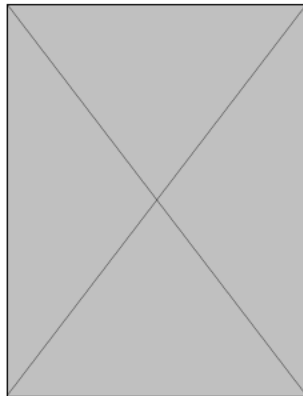
1 p.m. – The New York City Council Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime uses meets, Committee Room, City Hall, Manhattan.

6 p.m. – Assemblyman Charles Lavine attends the Nassau County Democratic Committee's Annual Spring Dinner, Crest Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury.

TOP TWEET: #NYCCityPlanningCommission voted to destroy the only bit of green in Little Italy, THE ELIZABETH STREET GARDEN, the only place for miles around where people can rest themselves outdoors...unbelievably unfair and shortsighted!!

– **Bette Midler** @BetteMidler

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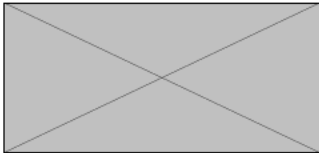
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Forest Labs Scorched By 'Displeased' Judge After Fire Drill

After a fire drill delay, a Manhattan federal judge fumed at Forest Laboratories LLC on Tuesday for failing to disclose a memo earlier in an antitrust suit alleging that the drugmaker blocked generic alternatives to its Namenda Alzheimer's treatment, saying she was "very displeased with Forest."

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SEC Sues Kik For \$100M Unregistered ICO

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission sued Kik Interactive Inc. on Tuesday in New York federal court claiming it conducted an unregistered initial coin offering when it sold \$100 million worth of its cryptocurrency Kin in 2017, \$55 million of which was bought by U.S. investors.

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Former Credit Union CEO Gets 5½ Years For Embezzling \$10M

A Manhattan federal judge hit former Municipal Credit Union CEO Kam Wong with a 5½-year prison sentence Tuesday for pilfering nearly \$10 million, saying the defendant's actions hurt the lender's blue-collar clientele.

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Platinum Oil Co. Exec Tells Jury Of Downward Spiral

The founder of Northstar Offshore Group LLC on Tuesday told a New York federal jury of how the Texas oil and gas company took a downward turn after being taken over by Platinum Partners, and of his dim view of the value of certain assets in the hedge fund manager's energy portfolio.

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Analysis

Justices Set ESOP Stock-Drop Suits In Their Sights

IBM workers who alleged the overseers of their employee stock ownership plan let them invest in overvalued company stock may need to brace for a reversal of the Second Circuit's revival of their suit now that the nation's highest court has agreed to review the case.

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Legal Funders, US Chamber Weigh In On NYC Bar Study

Litigation funders in the de facto capital of the growing industry have urged the New York City bar to broadly endorse the ethical foundations of its deals, while their leading critic has called on the bar not to "immunize" unethical fee-splitting.

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NFL Nears Deal With AP Photographers In Copyright Fight

The National Football League and a group of Associated Press photographers are close to settling a long-running dispute that alleged the NFL stiffed the photographers on royalties for photos they took while at the AP, according to a letter sent to the court.

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EMPLOYMENT

Ex-Barclays Security Guard Accuses AEG Of Discrimination

A former assistant security manager for the Barclays Center hit AEG Management with a discrimination suit, saying the company made him a scapegoat after an April 2018 shooting between gang members because he is young and African American.

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Columbia U Asks NY Court To Vacate Union Arbitration Award

Columbia University has asked a New York state court to overturn an arbitrator's award it says imposed a daily overtime requirement, arguing that the arbitrator perverted its collective bargaining agreement with the Technical, Office and Professional Union, Local 2110.

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BENEFITS

Express Scripts Stayed Mum On Prescription Fraud, MTA Says

Express Scripts Inc. failed to detect and take action to root out millions of dollars in excessive prescription drug claims it managed for the New York City Transit Authority's subway operators and bus drivers' benefit plan, the cash-strapped subway system has claimed in federal court.

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SECURITIES & WHITE COLLAR

Rio Tinto Dodges Investor Suit Over Mozambique Coal Fraud

Rio Tinto dodged an investor suit over a Mozambican mining project on Monday after a New York federal judge found that all of the mining giant's allegedly misleading statements were either made more than five years before the suit was filed or were insufficient to prove malfeasance.

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Extell Founder Accused Of Cheating Investor In EB-5 Scheme

The founder of Extell Development Co. has been called into court in New York over \$65 million in claims that he defrauded a former member with an ownership stake in the company's EB-5 regional center.

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BANKRUPTCY

Homeowner Claims Ditech Collected Discharged Fees

Bankrupt mortgage servicer Ditech Holding Corp. is facing a proposed class action accusing it of mishandling the accounts of bankrupt mortgage holdings and hitting them with bills for discharged debts after they emerge from Chapter 13.

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FHFA Sues Wells Fargo Over \$1B In Mortgage Bonds

The Federal Housing Finance Agency sued Wells Fargo on Monday over \$1 billion in residential mortgage-backed securities purchased by Freddie Mac more than a decade ago, opening up a new front in investor litigation over precrisis private-label securitizations tied to failed subprime lender NovaStar.

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Banks Win Access To Claim Forms In Libor-Rigging Suit

Several banks accused of Libor-rigging, including Barclays and UBS, can access investor claim forms submitted to other banks that settled out of the suit because the forms include details relevant to an upcoming bid for class certification, a New York federal judge ruled Monday.

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CONTRACTS

Supplement Buyer Can't Shake \$600K Award To Chinese Co.

The Second Circuit on Tuesday confirmed a more than \$600,000 arbitral award issued to a Chinese dietary supplement company following a payment dispute with a U.S. buyer, rejecting the buyer's arguments that it hadn't been properly notified of the arbitration.

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COMPETITION

44 States' Generic-Drug Pricing Suit Rolled Into Pa. MDL

A lawsuit filed in Connecticut last month by 44 state attorneys general accusing drugmakers of a sprawling scheme to fix generic-drug prices was transferred Tuesday to the Pennsylvania federal court overseeing multidistrict litigation over pricing in the industry.

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IMMIGRATION

'No Smoking Gun' For Census Citizenship Question, DOJ Says

The Trump administration said it sees "no smoking gun," only "smoke and mirrors" regarding allegations that its decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census was made to boost Republican power, as a congressional subpoena for documents related to the decision still looms.

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PEOPLE

Gibson Dunn Adds Ex-Cadwalader Partner To NY Tax Group

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP has added a former Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP partner to its tax practice group in New York, the firm recently announced.

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Furniture Co. Aaron's Settles With EEOC Over Racism Claims

Aaron's Inc. will shell out \$425,000 to settle a U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission lawsuit over its allegedly hostile and racist work environment at one of the nationwide furniture chain's warehouses, according to a consent decree approved Tuesday in New York federal court.

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Opinion

Cybersecurity Lawmaking Needs Help From Specialists

The failure of states to produce technologically fluent data security legislation has led to laws rife with logical inconsistencies, ambiguities and possible loopholes — which can be avoided if bills are drafted with the input of technologists and information security lawyers, says Jason Wool of ZwillGen.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

Nationwide Must Face In-House Atty's Disability Bias Claim

An in-house trial attorney at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. who had parts of each leg amputated may have been discriminated against in his firing, an Illinois federal judge said Monday.

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Walmart Workers' Attys Taken To Task For 11th-Hour Request

A Florida federal judge upbraided the attorneys representing four women suing Walmart for gender bias after they submitted a request for a page-limit extension at 10 p.m. on Friday, just two hours before the response was due, saying it put the court in an "untenable position."

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Justice's Son John Scalia Returns To Greenberg Traurig In Va.

John Scalia, a son of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, has rejoined the labor and employment practice at Greenberg Traurig LLP after stints at Littler and Pillsbury, the firm said Tuesday.

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Accenture Promotes In-House Atty To GC

Accenture has tapped one of its in-house attorneys — who previously served as corporate counsel at Amazon — to be its next general counsel, as its current top lawyer prepares to move into a newly created role at the professional services firm.

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Legal Tech Download: Wilson Sonsini, Norton Rose And Orrick

The world of legal technology is evolving quickly, with new products coming to market in rapid succession. Here, Law360 takes a look at seven recent developments.

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